

**MINUTES OF THE
GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
May 12, 2006**

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, May 12, 2006, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. This meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jan Ligon, CSW, Chair
Patricia Harwell, MFT, Vice Chair
Helen W. Coale, CSW
Eric Groh, LPC
William Carlos Jackson, MFT
G. William Quarterman, LPC
Gene T. Schrader, MFT

****Eric Groh was present on April 20, 2006 and May 4, 2006 to review application files.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Janet H. Lenard, CSW
Sandra L. Hollett, Consumer
Tracy L. Hurst, LPC

STAFF PRESENT

Lee Tracy, Executive Director
Sandy Stembridge, Applications Specialist
Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary
Patricia Downing, Assistant Attorney General

GUESTS

Sue Fort, Executive Director NASW
John Burns, President LPCA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:05 a.m. motion Quarterman, seconded Schrader, and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2-(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Coale, Harwell, Groh, Jackson, and Ligon. The Board **concluded Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Patricia Downing, Assistant Attorney General, reported on the cases in the Attorney General's office.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Barbara Patterson	Recommend to lift the suspension of the license.
COMP040008	Recommend to close.
COMP060005	Recommend to close.
COMP060038	Recommend to close.
COMP030029	Recommend to revoke license.
COMP030030	Recommend to revoke license.

OPEN SESSION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Tracy reported that the renewal process has already begun and has been extremely successful so far. Ms. Tracy reported on the change for Rule 135-5-.02 concerning the directed experience and supervision changes for Licensed Professional Counselors. The change would simplify the rule for better understanding and also do away with the W-2 consideration. Ms. Tracy led a discussion on the changing of Rule 135-6-.03 concerning changing the license for Associate Professional Counselors and Associate Marriage and Family Therapists to a five (5) years non-renewable license. Further discussion was deferred to the June Board meeting.

RULES REVISION

Jan Ligon, Board Chair, presented Rule 135-5-.02 for Posting to adopt at the July 9, 2006 meeting and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of Rule 135-5-.02 does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-10A-3, 43-10A-5, 43-10A-11, and 43-10A-17.

It is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-10A-3, 43-10A-5, 43-10A-11, and 43-10-A-17 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the fields of Professional Counseling, Social Work, and Marriage and Family Therapy.

Motion Groh, seconded Harwell and motion carried, to accept edited version and to post the changes to Rule 135-5-.02.

MINUTES

Motion Jackson, seconded Schrader and motion carried, to approve the minutes as amended of the March 10, 2006 meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bill Jackson led a discussion on the use of the Continuing Education Report being made a requirement for licensees selected for audit during the biennial licensing period. The report simplifies the process of reviewing the continuing education for the renewal period.

John Burns, President of LPCA, encouraged Board members and LPC licensees to visit the LPCA website at lpcaga.org. Mr. Burns also commented on the upcoming LPCA Convention to be held at Calloway Gardens May 18th through May 21st.

Sue Fort, Executive Director of NASW, reported that the association had scheduled pre-screening clinics for applicants who needed help completing their applications before submitting them to the Board for approval.

Bill Jackson announced that Pat Harwell spoke at the MFT meeting with supervisors concerning their supervision and licensure problems some applicants are having with their applications.

THE BOARD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

Motion Harwell, seconded Schrader and motion carried, to accept the **Marriage and Family Therapy Standards Report**.

ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS EXAM

Green, Joylene	Denied
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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS EXAM

Barnes, William	Denied
Harry, Erica	Approved
Hearn, Ginny	Denied

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS EXAM WAIVER

Crowe, Connie	Approved
Griffith-Asbell, Candace	Approved
Robinson, Melissa	Approved

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS REACTIVATION

Parham, Leslie	Approved
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Motion Quarterman, seconded Jackson and motion carried, to accept the **Licensed Professional Counselors Standards Report**.

FILES FROM MARCH 10, 2006 MEETING

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT/SUPERVISOR

Watson, Thomas	Approved
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LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS EXAM

Hamill, Cecilia	Approved
Macaluso, Dina	Approved
Pope, Chantel	Denied
Terry, Conciola	Denied
Upshaw, Kira	Approved
Weinberg, Kendall	Approved

LPC EXAM WAIVER

Robinson, Maria	Approved
Rush, Sabrina	Approved
Seals, Yolanda	Approved
Simmons-Cole, Stephanie	Approved
Smolko, Maryann	Denied
Sticha, Susan	Denied
Thomas, Krista	Approved

LPC ENDORSEMENT

Wilder, Pamela	Approved
Valence, Kira	Approved
Vendryes, Diane	Denied
Ward, Jodi	Approved
Wardlaw, Audrey	Approved

LPC REINSTATEMENT

Robertson, Jeanie	Approved
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LPC CONTRACT REACTIVATION

Schoonmaker, Richeleen	Approved
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FILES FROM APRIL 14, 2006 MEETING

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT/SUPERVISOR

Greene, Elizabeth	Approved
Hieger, Bradley	Approved
Himelstein, Christel	Approved
Horner, Jean	Approved
Jackson, Derrell	Approved
Jones, Marcia	Approved
King, Jennifer	Approved
Kizer, Edward	Approved
Mezza, Christine	Approved

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
EXAM

Dale, Zoe	Approved
Dunham, Phyllis	Approved
Garner, Donna	Approved
Grant, Nia	Approved
Hall, Kirsten	Approved
Hawkins, Joan	Approved
Moon, Pat	Approved
Moore, Carol	Approved
Nix, Shannon	Approved
Owen, Brianna	Approved
Page, Jennifer	Approved
Schwartz, Leslie	Approved
Wright, Danielle	Approved
Young, Kevin	Approved

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
EXAM WAIVER

Hunter, Adrian	Approved
Knowles, Casi	Approved
Littlefield, Lixa	Approved
Mitchell, Melanie	Approved
Pierce, Melody	Approved
Pittman, Shana	Approved

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
W-2

McNabb, Tracies	Approved
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LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
EXAM

Ballard, Betty	Approved
Black, Sandra	Denied

Bourget, Sylvie	Approved
Christensen, Julie	Approved
Conton, Cassandra	Approved
Curtas, Brett	Denied
Hanes, David	Denied
Hissam, Renee	Denied
Sims-King, Barbara	Denied
Spencer, Cha'Ke'Sha	Denied
Trotzky, Arthur	Approved
Upshaw, Tonja	Approved

LPC EXAM WAIVER

Anderson, Sara	Approved
Bailey, Christine	Approved
Booker, Dana	Approved
Collins, Stacy	Approved
Cosmai, Evelyn	Denied
Cowart, Susan	Denied
Edmonds, Keith	Denied
Everett, Brian	Approved
Flora, Laurie	Approved
Guest-Smith, Ratima	Approved
Hopkins, Jacqueline	Approved
Maslowski, Rachel	Approved
Myers, Octavia	Denied
Owenby, Kelly	Approved
Park, Beth	Approved
Price, Rachel	Approved
Reyes, Silvio	Denied
Robertson, Sherri	Approved
Seals, Yolanda	Approved
Smith, Susan	Approved
Vaughn, Lisa	Approved
Walker, Debbie	Approved
West, Kecia	Approved

LPC ENDORSEMENT

Clay, Latasha	Approved
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FILES FROM MAY 12, 2006 MEETING

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS EXAM

Lane, Jeremy	Approved
Ogburn, Angela	Approved

Robertson, Tara	Approved
Sallad, David	Approved
Simpson, Katrina	Approved
Stephens, J. Dallas	Approved
Sturgeon, Tammy	Approved
Tomsky-Jackson, Krystal	Denied

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS EXAM WAIVER

Balboni, Lela	Approved
Higgins, Nancy	Approved
Lingle, Margaret	Approved
Murphy, Jessalyn	Approved
Napolitano-Magaw, Miriam	Approved
Ussery, Laura	Approved
Waters, Ann	Approved

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT

Arnett, Keith	Approved
Falls, Leslee	Approved
Schultheis, Julie	Approved
Williams, Patti	Approved

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS EXAM

Braddock, Erica	Denied
Lawton-Edward, Valerie	Approved
Marzo, Nicole	Denied
Wilkes, Scott	Approved
Yedvarb, Rochelle	Approved

LPC EXAM WAIVER

Armour, Tina	Approved
Baker, Ricky	Approved
Dunegan, Shirley	Denied
Friedman, Kara	Approved
Johnson, Michael	Approved
Joshi, Palma	Approved
Moser, Nancy	Approved
Phillips, Darlene	Approved
Reader, Carolyn	Approved
Rumble, Susan	Approved
Runyan, Jacqueline	Denied

Simon, Deann	Approved
Thomas, Damafing	Approved
Tillman, Georgia	Approved
Tubb, Jenifer	Approved
Wade, Lee	Approved
Weinstein, Jill	Denied

LPC ENDORSEMENT

Jones, Gwendolyn	Approved
Rogers-Scotland, Valina	Approved

LPC REACTIVATE

Hudson, Jennifer	Approved
Schirmer, Ana Maria	Approved
Smith, Mary Elizabeth	Approved

LPC REINSTATEMENT

Caffrey, Patrick	Approved
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Motion Coale, seconded Harwell and motion carried, to accept the **Social Workers Standards Report.**

MASTERS SOCIAL WORKER EXAM

Alexander, Laura	Approved
Baker, Cena	Approved
Bartlett, Carol	Approved
Brown, Nathaniel	Approved
Carter, Kendra	Approved
Davis, Angela	Approved
Fety, Sylvia	Approved
Ford, Chaliah	Approved
Garner, Gail	Approved
Humphrey, Karen	Approved
McFarlane, Mechelle	Approved
Miller, Penny	Approved
Phillips, Avril	Approved
Pilafas, Laura	Approved
Walker, Natalie	Approved
Waterhouse, Sarah	Approved
Wicker, Rachelle	Approved

MSW EXAM WAIVER

Clements, Kathryn	Approved
Garcia, Robert	Approved

Godwin, Amanda	Approved
Midkiff, Samantha	Approved
Pruett, Jana	Approved

MSW REACTIVATION

Mauer, Eric	Approved
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CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER EXAM

Awe, Jacqueline	Approved
Byrd, Mercedes	Denied
Beck, Lynn	Denied
Callaway, Janice	Approved
Cook, Yvonne	Approved
Cunningham, Kathleen Paige	Approved
Dudley-Slater, Marion	Approved
Forstall, Shantel	Denied
Haack, Kathleen	Denied
Hall, Chandra	Denied
Hodgson, Annette	Approved
Huffman, Rebekah	Denied
Lough, Jane	Denied
Mattingly, Shauna	Approved
McKinney, Jackey	Denied
Oni, Damiana	Denied
Pitts, Taiti	Approved
Rawhouser, Hannah	Denied
Snell, Valarie	Approved
Zabel, Regina	Denied

CSW EXAM WAIVER

Farag, Estafan	Denied
Foxall, Elizabeth	Denied
Levin, Lisa	Denied
Motley, Natasha	Denied
Nagbe, Inez	Denied
Powell, Sabrina	Approved
Raheja, Roma	Denied
Reaves, Charlotte	Denied
Serure, Cynthia	Denied
Woods, Terry	Approved
Zitowitz, Paul	Approved

CSW REACTIVATION

Parham, Leslie	Approved
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Valela, Karry	Approved
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VOTE ON INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion Harwell, seconded Schrader and motion carried, to accept the report of the Investigations Committee.

Motion Quarterman, seconded Harwell and motion carried, to revoke the license for COMP030029 and COMP030030. Helen Coale abstained from the vote.

VOTE ON THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT

Motion Harwell, seconded Jackson and motion carried, to accept the report of the Assistant Attorney General.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Harwell, seconded Schrader and motion carried, to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Jan Ligon, L.C.S.W., Chair
GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF
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Mollie L. Fleeman, J.D., Division Director
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS
DIVISION

Minutes approved June 9, 2006.

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Edited by Lee Tracy, Executive Director.